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FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB

SUBJ: GKR RICE DELEGATION

1. CHARGE, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, AND WEDEN, ECONOMIC SECTION, MET TODAY WITH GKR RICE DELEGATION PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FOR BANGKOK TO DISCUSS STRATEGY IN UPCOMING TALKS WITH RTG. GKR WILL REQUEST RTG FOR A FORMAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT COVERING 25,000 M/T OF RICE OR BROKENS WITH A CONTRACT FOR THE WHOLE IMMEDIATELY TO FOLLOW SPECIFYING SHIPMENT ARRIVALS IN CAMBODIA 12,500 M/T NO LATER THAN MOD-OCTOBER AND 12,500 M/T BY MID-NOVEMBER. FAILING THIS THE GKR IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT AS FALLBACK POSITION AN AGREEMENT FOR 25,000 M/T WITH FIRM CONTRACT FOR 12,500 M/T TO BE SHIPPED IMMEDIATELY WITH BALANCE TO FOLLOW ASAP. AS A LAST RESORT AND IF NECESSARY, GKR WILL AGREE TO SEPARATE CONTRACTS FOR LESSER AMOUNTS, WITH INITIAL CONTRACT FOR AT LEAST 5,000 TONS. POSSIBLE DEVICE FOR USE HERE WOULD BE CONTRACT FOR 25,000 TONS SPECIFYING EXPORT DATES AND QUALITIES BUT HAING PRICES FOR SUBSEQUENT DETERMINATION.

2. DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF CHHANN SOKHUM, MINISTER OF STATE ATTACHED TO PRIME MINISTER, LONG BORET, FOREIGN MINISTER, SAPHON SARASY, MINISTER OF COMMERCE, AND LY KIM HENG, PRESIDENT  
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ECONOMIC SECTION. TEAM IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN BANGKOK ON RC 140 AT 13:05. LONG BORET PLANS TO DEPART BANGKOK TUESDAY NIGHT; HOWEVER, OTHER MEMBERS OF TEAM ARE PREPARED TO STAY ON UNTIL CONTRACT COMPLETED.

3. GKR FOREIGN MINISTRY IS INSTRUCTING ITS EMBASSY BANGKOK TO REQUEST MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, MINISTER OF COMMERCE, AND COLONEL NARONG OF BIFGO. ALSO WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF AMBASSADOR UNGER COULD RECEIVE BORET.

4. PLEASE MEET WEDEN AND DELEGATION AT AIRPORT. IF POSSIBLE, WE SUGGEST A BRIEF USG-GKR STRATEGY SESSION BE SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON. PLEASE ALSO CONTACT KHMER EMBASSY TO CONFIRM THEY ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS CONSISTANT WITH THOSE OUTLINED ABOVE. IF NECESSARY, PLEASE ASSIST IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS.  
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